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TIONS ON BALL-BEARINGS AND CERAMIC TABLEWARE;
ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS ON SKI-BOOTS
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1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO INFORM THE JAPANESE DELEGATION
THAT STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECT OF OUR ARTICLE XIX
ACTIONS ON CERAMIC TABLEWARE AND BALL-BEARINGS IS NEARING
COMPLETION. WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO COMMENCE CONSULTATIONS
SOON IN ORDER TO MEET THE ARTICLE XIX:3A DEADLINE ON BALL
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BEARINGS, AGREED LAST DECEMBER (REF B), BUT WE ARE NOT IN

A POSITION TO PROPOSE EXACT DATES UNTIL OUR ANALYSIS IS COMPLETE. WE WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS OTHER OUTSTANDING US-JAPAN ARTICLE XIX ISSUES (COTTON TYPEWRITER RIBBON CLOTH, WILTON AND VELVET CARPETS, SHEET GLASS, AND STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE) IN THESE CONSULTATIONS AS WELL, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON ALL OUTSTANDING ARTICLE XIX CLAIMS AND COUNTER-CLAIMS AT THE SAME TIME, AS WE DID IN THE 1971 SETTLEMENT.

2. WE BELIEVE THE JAPANESE PREFERENCE (REF A) THAT NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THESE ISSUES BE EXCLUSIVELY BILATERAL (I.E. NOT FOLDED INTO THE MTN AT SOME POINT) IS A PROPER SUBJECT FOR THE CONSULTATIONS THEM-

SELVES. WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO TAKE UP THIS QUESTION ONCE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEGUN. FYI: OUR POSITION ON THE BILATERAL VS. MTN QUESTION DEPENDS IMPORTANTLY ON THE RESULTS OF OUR STATISTICAL ANALYSIS. WE ARE THEREFORE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF FORUM AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

3. THE MISSION MAY ASSURE THE JAPANESE THAT THEIR SKI-BOOT OFFER (REF C) IS RECEIVING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. WE HOPE TO RESPOND IN A FEW WEEKS. KISSINGER

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